

the *Santa Maria* graces the Scioto River.

Here in the largest city in the world bearing the explorer's name, we honor Columbus for the same reason as people in Peoria or Prague. We believe that the individual can make a difference and that human dignity can, indeed, change the world. Most of all, we know that dignity stems from values like hard work and self-reliance and faith. In 1492, those values sustained Columbus' voyage. In 1992, they must sustain our voyage to do right and thus achieve good.

Today, our world is smaller, faster than in Columbus' time, our fates at home linked to those abroad. Yet we need to keep these values in our hearts and in our minds. Columbus sought a new world. The values I refer to can help create a new world order.

Already, we see the outlines of a new world economy. Over the next week I'm going to be talking about this economy and how it can grow in the decades ahead. We need, as President Nixon once said, "an open world, open cities, open hearts, open minds." Only then can we not merely trade with other nations but profit from other nations, profit economically, intellectually, culturally, and spiritually.

In Columbus' day, commerce meant gold and trinkets. In our day, commerce means the exchange of goods and ideas that foster free markets, free governments, and ultimately, freedom itself. And that is why America must always be ready to compete

by investing more in research and development, investing more in new technology, investing more in education. We're Americans. Performance is our name. So, as we concede what's changed in the world, let's prove what has not changed: America can still outwork and outproduce and outcompete any nation anywhere.

I thought of our country yesterday as Barbara and I attended our little church, little Easter service there in a little tiny church in Maine. As I looked around our church, we gave thanks for all that has truly blessed America. Now, it is my pleasure to introduce someone who has blessed my life, the life of the Bush family. For 2 years she has been your honorary patron of this marvelous fair, honorary patron of AmeriFlora. She's sure been around the world, continuing Columbus' grand tradition. You might remember how Columbus arrived in America and his luggage wound up in China. [Laughter] But anyway, for 47 years, she's been my wife. Ladies and gentlemen, your honorary chairman, my wife, our First Lady, Barbara Bush.

Note: The President spoke at 11:05 a.m. In his remarks, he referred to Dorothy Teater, Franklin County commissioner, and her husband, Robert; Richard M. Franks, chairman of the AmeriFlora '92 management committee, and his wife, Pamela; and John F. Wolfe, chairman of the board of trustees of AmeriFlora '92, and his wife, Ann.

Nomination of Dennis P. Barrett To Be United States Ambassador to Madagascar

April 20, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Dennis P. Barrett, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Madagascar. He would succeed Howard K. Walker.

Since 1988, Mr. Barrett has served as Mission Director with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Pretoria, South Africa. Prior to this, he served with the U.S. Department of State with the

Agency for International Development in the Bureau for Africa, 1988; Asia Liaison for the Bureau of External Affairs, 1984–87; and Office Director for East Asian Affairs, 1982–84.

Mr. Barrett graduated from the University of Portland (B.A., 1959) and the University of Southern California (M.P.A., 1966). He

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was born July 21, 1936, in St. Paul, MN. and resides in Pretoria, South Africa. Mr. Barrett is married, has two children,

Nomination of William Lacy Swing To Be United States Ambassador to Nigeria

April 20, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate William Lacy Swing, of North Carolina, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He would succeed Lannon Walker.

Since 1989, Ambassador Swing has served as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa. Prior to this, he served at the U.S. Department of State as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Personnel, 1987–

89, and as Director of the Office of Foreign Service Career Development and Assignments, 1985–87. In addition, Ambassador Swing has served as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, 1981–85, and the People's Republic of the Congo, 1979–81.

Ambassador Swing graduated from Catawba College (B.A., 1956) and Yale University (M. Div., 1960). He was born September 11, 1934, in Lexington, NC. Ambassador Swing has one child and resides in Pretoria, South Africa.

Nomination of Linda Gillespie Stuntz To Be Deputy Secretary of Energy

April 20, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Linda Gillespie Stuntz, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. She would succeed W. Henson Moore.

Currently Ms. Stuntz serves as Acting Deputy Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary for Domestic and International Energy Policy at the U.S. Department of Energy. Ms. Stuntz has served with the U.S. Department of Energy as Deputy Under

Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Analysis, 1989–92, and as Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, 1991.

Ms. Stuntz graduated from Wittenberg University (A.B., 1976) and Harvard Law School (J.D., 1979). She was born September 11, 1954, in Bellefontaine, OH. Ms. Stuntz is married, has two children, and resides in Alexandria, VA.

Remarks Prior to a Meeting With Business Leaders

April 21, 1992

I am very pleased to welcome to the White House this morning 16 senior American business leaders to discuss how the American private sector can help to meet the most important foreign policy challenge that faces us, the transformation of the new

States in the former U.S.S.R. from command to market economies and from authoritarian to democratic governments. We are determined to expand the volume of our trade and investment with them. And I would like to announce today a series of